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Applicant: Pinchuk et al.
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Title: EXPANDABLE SUPPORTIVE BRANCHED ENDOLUMINAL GRAFTS
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Examiner: Ryan J. Severson

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b forms submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

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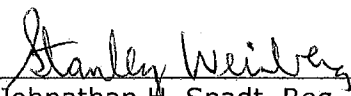
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STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information disclosed in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b
(2) References
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